

**PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD**  
Effective December 29, 1999

Application or Docket Number

09/4841363

**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

| FOR                              | (Column 1)<br>NUMBER FILED | (Column 2)<br>NUMBER EXTRA |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BASIC FEE                        |                            |                            |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                     | 38 minus 20 =              | 18                         |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS               | 3 minus 3 =                |                            |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT |                            |                            |

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

Amnt A

| AMENDMENT A                                    | (Column 1)                                | (Column 2)                                  | (Column 3) | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |
|--|---|---|------------|------------------|
|  | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR |            |                  |
| Total  | 31  | Minus                                       | 38         | = -              |
| Independent                                    | 2   | Minus                                       | 3          | =                |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |   |   |            |                  |

| AMENDMENT B                                    | (Column 1)                                | (Column 2)                                  | (Column 3) | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |
|--|---|---|------------|------------------|
|  | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR |            |                  |
| Total  | 47  | Minus                                       | 38         | = 11             |
| Independent                                    | 14  | Minus                                       | 3          | = 1              |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |   |   |            |                  |

| AMENDMENT C                                    | (Column 1)                                | (Column 2)                                  | (Column 3) | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |
|--|---|---|------------|------------------|
|  | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR |            |                  |
| Total  |   | Minus                                       |            | =                |
| Independent                                    |   | Minus                                       |            | =                |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |   |   |            |                  |

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SMALL ENTITY  
TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE   | FEE    |
|--------|--------|
|        | 345.00 |
| X\$ 9= | 162    |
| X39=   |        |
| +130=  |        |
| TOTAL  | 507    |

| RATE   | FEE    |
|--------|--------|
|        | 690.00 |
| X\$18= |        |
| X78=   |        |
| +260=  |        |
| TOTAL  |        |

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN  
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| RATE                | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9=              |                        |
| X39=                |                        |
| +130=               |                        |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE | 1                      |

| RATE                | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$18=              |                        |
| X78=                |                        |
| +260=               |                        |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE |                        |

| RATE                | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9=              | 99                     |
| X39=                | 44                     |
| +130=               |                        |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE |                        |

| RATE                | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$18=              |                        |
| X78=                |                        |
| +260=               |                        |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE |                        |

| RATE                | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$ 9=              |                        |
| X39=                |                        |
| +130=               |                        |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE |                        |

| RATE                | ADDI-<br>TIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| X\$18=              |                        |
| X78=                |                        |
| +260=               |                        |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE |                        |

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| Art Unit               | 3871                    |
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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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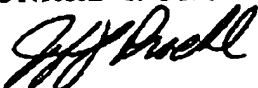
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**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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